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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No. 732.742  
First Inventor or Application Identifier Robert A. Luciano, Jr.  
Title APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DESPENSING PRIZES  
Express Mail Label No. EV 258468203 US

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

- ☒ \* Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
- ☒ Specification [Total Pages 49]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
  - Background of the invention
  - Brief Summary of the invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 13]
- Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 4]
  - ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)
  - ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 16 completed)
    - ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

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- ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
- Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
  - ☐ Computer Readable Copy
  - ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
  - ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
- ☐ 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement of Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee)
- ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 [Copies of IDS Citations]
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
- ☐ \* Small Entity Statement filed in prior application (PTO/SB/09-12) Status still proper and desired
- ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
- ☐ Other: .....

16. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment:

☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No. 09/769,168  
Prior application information: Examiner Aaron J. Capron Group / Art Unit: 3714

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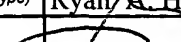
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101 690	201 345	Utility filing fee	375.00
106 310	206 155	Design filing fee	
107 480	207 240	Plant filing fee	
108 690	208 345	Reissue filing fee	
114 150	214 75	Provisional filing fee	

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#### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
53	-20** = 33	X 9.00	= 297.00
Independent Claims	8	-3** = 5	X 42.00 = 210.00
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\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below

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103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 78	202 39	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 260	204 130	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 78	209 39	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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#### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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105 130	205 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	0.00
127 50	227 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
139 130	139 130	Non-English specification	0.00
147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	0.00
112 920*	112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	0.00
113 1,840*	113 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	0.00
115 110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month	0.00
116 380	216 190	Extension for reply within second month	0.00
117 870	217 435	Extension for reply within third month	0.00
118 1,360	218 680	Extension for reply within fourth month	0.00
128 1,850	228 925	Extension for reply within fifth month	0.00
119 300	219 150	Notice of Appeal	0.00
120 300	220 150	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	0.00
121 260	221 130	Request for oral hearing	0.00
138 1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	0.00
140 110	240 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	0.00
141 1,210	241 605	Petition to revive - unintentional	0.00
142 1,210	242 605	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 430	243 215	Design issue fee	
144 580	244 290	Plant issue fee	
122 130	122 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	0.00
123 50	123 50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126 240	126 240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	0.00
581 40	581 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	0.00
146 690	246 345	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	0.00
149 690	249 345	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	0.00
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*In re application of: Robert A. Luciano, Jr., et al.*

*Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DISPENSING PRIZES*

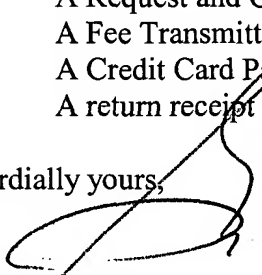
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Dear Sir:

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1. A Utility Patent Application (49 pages).
2. Thirteen (13) sheets of drawings.
3. A Utility Patent Application Transmittal (1 page).
4. A photocopy of a Declaration for Utility Patent Application previously filed (4 pages).
5. A Request and Certification (1 page).
6. A Fee Transmittal (1 page).
7. A Credit Card Payment Form (1 page).
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**REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION  
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35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

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Title

Apparatus and Method for Dispensing Prizes

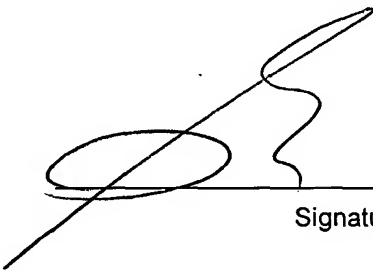
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Date



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